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Guerrilla Activity

According to statements of persons newly arrived in Edirne from Bulgaria, clashes between government forces and guerrilla bands have gradually increased to the point where they have taken on the nature of a civil war. More than 17,000 have fled to the mountains from the Sofia area along. Sixteen influential political prisoners were recently spirited away from the Lovech Prison by one guerrilla organization and are now reportedly directing the activities of certain guerrilla bands. The extent of guerrilla activity has led the Bulgarian government to send large military units against the guerrillas.

As a move to placate the people, the government recently abolished the ration system for some items; but since prices for these items immediately skyrocketed, the people only become more dissatisfied.(1)

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